

COMMUNITY NEWS

Zadie Bouyer celebrates 100th birthday

Much loved Mrs. Zadie Bouyer celebrated her 100th birthday on July 27. Mrs. Bouyer has lived her entire life in Coffee County. Over the weekend, her daughter, Chris Jacobs and her 5 grandchildren and their spouses, 7 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren along with many family members, friends, and neighbors joined Mrs. Bouyer for a celebration. On the actual day, July 27, of her birthday, she was surprised with two additional parties: one by the Elba Nursing Home and another by the First Assembly of God Church.

Mrs. Bouyer has always been a strong supporter of her church and community. Her family is very proud of the fact that up until 5 years ago when she fell and broke her hip, she lived alone walking daily to visit her daughter and her neighbors. She has lived a full life and is still an expert domino and bingo player even this day.

Five Generations:

Five Generations of the Zadie Bouyer family were present on her 100th birthday, July 27, 2004 at the home of her daughter Chris Jacobs of Elba. Zadie Bouyer is shown with her great-grandson, Gavin Mundy Leland, age 3 months. Also pictured are Mrs. Bouyer's daughter, Chris Jacobs, grandson Larry Jacobs, and great-granddaughter, Kristie Leland.



Mrs. Bouyer enjoys celebration.



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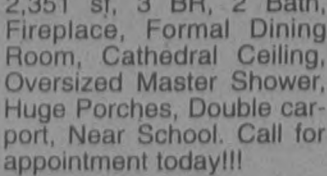
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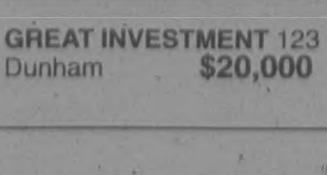
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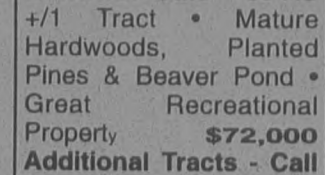
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to all who supported me in the recent city election for the candidate of Mayor. Congratulations to Mayor Grimes.

Sincerely,

Randy Bedsole

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Randy Bedsole, 1506 Highland Drive, Elba, AL 36323

Thank You District 1

Dear District 1 Voters, on behalf of my family and my campaign committee, I want to express my appreciation to the voters of District 1 who participated in our recent election. I would especially like to bid overwhelming thanks to those who supported and voted for me to be elected the next council member for District 1. I will do my best to serve District 1 and continue to make the City of Elba a great place to live and grow.

Respectfully,

Tom G. Hooks
Council member - Elect

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Tom G. Hooks, 1400 Jones Street, Elba, AL 36323

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the voters of District 3 for their confidence in electing me their councilman. I believe there are some good things to be done in District 3 and all over Elba. With everyone working together we can make Elba better. Again, Thanks for your vote and confidence in making me your District 3, City Councilman.

Thanks
Mike McKee

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Mike McKee, 342 Dr. Roberts Dr., Elba, AL 36323

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an investigator with the Covington County Sheriff's Department. He served as Kinston's Chief of Police for approximately two years and Samson's Chief of Police for approximately three years before volunteering to go overseas with the Army Reserves.

After returning home from overseas, Cobb said he will handle the payroll, make sure maintenance of the vehicles is up-to-date, assign schedules and coverage areas, investigate crimes and try to keep everything within budget.

Cobb said he also believes his past experiences running a police department will prove beneficial as he steps into his new role at New Brockton, and he is ready to meet the challenge.

"We're going to be working on some drug areas and illegal alcohol that's being sold around town," he said.

As for the future of the police chief's position, Cobb said there is no need to rush the search.

"We're not going to do anything until the new administration takes over on Oct. 1st," he said. "After the new administration takes over, we will start accepting applications and resumes for the position."

Wiregrass United Way special to air September 7th

A thirty minute special focusing on the Wiregrass United Way will air Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. The simulcast will air on WDFX Fox 34, WDHN TV 18 and WTVY News 4. This special presentation is designed to raise public awareness about the Wiregrass United Way and the agencies they fund.

The simulcast will give the public a better understanding of how their contributions to Wiregrass United Way helps build a stronger community. During the program/viewers will get an in-depth look at five of the United Way agencies: Coffee County Family Services Center, Boys and Girls Club of Ozark, East Geneva County Senior Citizens Center, Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity and Vaughn-Blumberg Center.

These stations have donated this service to the Wiregrass United Way for a number of years. There is no cost to the United Way in the production or airing of the simulcast.

Walter Hill, CEO of the Wiregrass United Way said that this service is one that the organization could never afford to pay for.

Hill stated that he believes that this thirty minute program can go a long way in showing people that giving to Wiregrass United Way is the best way to help the most people. He added, "I hope people will take the time out of their busy schedule to watch this show and learn more about the role of the United Way in the communities we serve."

The Wiregrass United Way has 36 member agencies and serves Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. The services provided by the agencies are divided into four focus areas. They are: serving people with special needs, strengthening families and individuals, meeting basic needs and helping youth succeed.

Senator Harris Smith of St. Louis is serving as chair of the campaign this year. There are five county campaign chairs working with her. They are Jeff Brannon, Coffee County, Rep. Steve Cloud, Dale County, David Snell, Geneva County, Lester Killebrew, Henry County and Mike Schmitz, Houston County.

The goal for Wiregrass United Way's 2004-2005 campaign will be announced at the campaign kickoff. The annual kickoff will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14th. The public is invited to attend. It will be held at the National Peanut Festival fairgrounds in Dothan inside the exhibit building. The cost to attend is only \$5 per person and dinner will be served.

The Wiregrass United Way has served the Wiregrass area since 1938. Funds raised by Wiregrass United Way are utilized locally in the five county area. A committee of local volunteers determines how the funds are distributed among the member agencies. For more information call 792-9661.

Notice:

The Elba Police Department is seeking to collect \$2,500 through its 2004 Fall "Buy One, Give One" campaign. The money will be used to purchase a new patrol car for the Elba Police Department. The campaign will run from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31. Members of the community are encouraged to purchase a new patrol car for the Elba Police Department. The public is invited to attend this effort.

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Elba band says "good-bye" to Willie - the tube

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Baptists prepare to feed victims of Hurricane Frances

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Alabama Baptist Convention operates a very successful and effective ministry of feeding disaster victims around the world. During the past weekend and into Tuesday of this week volunteers from around the state were staging units of their disaster relief team at the New Brockton Farm Center waiting for Hurricane Frances to pass. Once the storm has passed this group will be assigned to a key location in the disaster area where they will

feed storm victims and relief workers, according to Baptist Association State Volunteer Coordinator Larry Murphy of Enterprise.

When preparing to give assistance, the volunteers have no idea where they will be assigned. In this situation they were waiting to first be sure their services were not needed by some Alabama community. Once it was determined this would be unnecessary they expected to be dispatched to one of the many places damaged by the hurricane in Florida or

maybe Georgia.

The unit and many of the same volunteers have just returned from feeding relief workers in Florida involved in helping victims of Hurricane Charley. On that mission they served a total of 46,000 meals in 15 days.

The semi trailer pictured above should be recognized in Elba, as it has been on site in Elba feeding flood victims.

In addition to this cooking and serving van, there are smaller units which carry support equipment; one equipped with a

steam cleaner, two 40 gallon steam kettles with tables and a hot water heater, one equipped with six showers, two hot water heaters, washing machine and dryer and one of several water purification units the group utilizes. Still another trailer serves as an independent communications unit which can operate independent of storm damaged local communications.

When these units initially set up in some disaster area they will have with them enough food to prepare 40,000 hot meals. They are equipped to serve up to 10,000 meals a day. In some cases where they have the room the volunteers are even equipped to deliver the meals to motorists. "Just visit our drive thru."

These trailers are manned by an all volunteer staff, 50% have specialized training for this work and the other 50% are bankers, housewives, retirees, etc., who make the trips and learn from those with the formal training.

Cliff McMahan, of Birmingham, is retired and has served with the disaster feeding ministry literally around the world. He also designs and constructs much of the specialized equipment needed for the massive relief work of the group. Monday morning he was checking the operating condition of generators and going through his checklist of needed items to ensure they had everything that was needed. On Sunday McMahan had driven to Elba to see how things looked when back to normal. He spent time here serving meals to flood victims following the 1998 flood.

Floyd Morrow, of Elba, who also actively supports this volunteer ministry, said of McMahan, "Every time I show up to help at one of these disaster feeding units, Cliff is already there working away."



COFFEE COUNTY EXTENSION COORDINATOR STAN WINDHAM (left) addressed the Elba Lions Club Tuesday, Aug. 24, during the club's regular meeting. Windham spoke on the diversity within Coffee County ranging from the five schools: Elba, Enterprise, Zion Chapel, New Brockton and Kinston, to the county's agriculture production. He said Coffee County had over \$150 million in agriculture production last year alone, and annually ranks high in state among several different fields. Also pictured is Brian McLeod, Elba Lions Club president.

Dorsey employees eligible for extended pay benefits

Current and former employees of Dorsey Trailers, Flatbed Division, in Elba may be eligible for benefits under the federal Trade Act of 2002. Approximately 300 employees from the plant that remains open may qualify for benefits.

"A petition filed on behalf of Dorsey Trailers workers was certified by the U.S. Department of Labor on August 20, 2004," says Phyllis Kennedy, director of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations.

The U.S. Department of Labor found that workers, employed in the production of flatbed trailers, may have become unemployed as a result of increased imports. The petition covers periods of unemployment occurring on or after July 20, 2003, and before the termination date of August 20, 2006.

Under the Trade Act of 2002, displaced workers may be eligible

for subsidized vocational training, job search assistance, relocation allowances, and the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). Additional information on the HCTC is available by calling toll-free, 1-866-628-HCTC (4282). If workers have exhausted their cash benefits under other state and federal unemployment compensation programs, they could be eligible for additional weekly payments equivalent to the amount they were receiving under other programs. In order to receive Trade Readjustment Allowance benefits, workers must be enrolled in training eight weeks after the certification date or 16 weeks after their last qualifying separation. A waiver of the training requirement must be granted by the Alabama State

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Coffee County Schools rank second in state on meeting accountability goals

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, Sept. 2, and superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram took advantage of an opportunity to brag on the school system.

Ingram said she was very happy to report that the Coffee County School System placed second in the state in regards to meeting accountability goals. She said this is proof that the school system is doing the things asked of it.

"We've met these goals that were set forth for us," Ingram said.

The superintendent also took time during the meeting to thank several people involved with bus accident which occurred Monday, Aug. 30, on Highway 87.

Ingram said the bus driver, James Hataway, realized his bus was going to be hit from behind and had the presence of mind to keep the bus moving rather than hit the brakes. She said his quick thinking and good driving most likely kept the accident from being any worse than it was, and she felt he should be commended for the good job in which he did.

Ingram also thanked the emergency personnel that responded quickly to the scene of the accident including the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Coffee County EMS and Goodman Fire Department.

Board members voted to approve the school system's capital plan. Ingram said the

good thing about this plan is that it can be reviewed and changed at any time.

Some of the projects discussed for the plan were the roof of the vocational building at New Brockton High School, improvements to the outside of the older building at New Brockton, the roof at Kinston Elementary School, the roof of the field house at Zion Chapel High School, improvements for the New Brockton Elementary School gym, repairs to a small place on the roof at New

Brockton Elementary School and the paving of the parking lot at Kinston High School.

Board members also voted to approve a land lease at Zion Chapel for the school's off-site sewage disposal system.

Ingram said the health department has approved plans for the system, and the school will lease 5.51 acres of land from the Annabelle Wilkes family trust.

Ingram said the entire 5.51 acres

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Area Happenings

THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Sept. 10, with the Elba Tigers playing host to the Houston Academy Raiders, the New Brockton Gamecocks will host Wicksburg, the Kinston Bulldogs playing host to Pleasant Home, and the Brantley Bulldogs playing host to the Zion Chapel Rebels.

THE NEXT FARM CITY MEETING will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the Extension Office at 7:30 a.m. Please remember to bring recipes for the Farm City Cookbook.

WIREGRASS HOSPICE INC. will conduct its monthly GriefShare group meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. in the community room of The Citizen's Bank, 301 S. Edwards St. (near the courthouse), in Enterprise. This group is open to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one. For more information, contact Catharine Arnold at 347-3353.

A COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the County Complex, Highway 94, in New Brockton. Speakers will be local Democratic candidates and officials from the State Democratic Party. Anyone interested in becoming more actively involved in the Democratic Party is encouraged to attend the meeting and to join the Coffee County Democratic Club. The public is invited to attend this meeting.



Jimmy R. Guilford, of Elba, was driving this Volvo semi truck last Friday when it wrecked in Campbellton, Florida. The concrete blocks in front of the truck were once part of the front porch of the home. Guilford was airlifted to a Dothan hospital but is now home. There were no other injuries.

Elba man hurt in Florida truck-house collision

The home of a Campbellton, Florida woman was completely destroyed when a semi-truck crashed into it on Friday afternoon, September 3rd.

Marie Brantley, age 95, who has lived in her home just south of Campbellton on Hwy. 231 for over 60 years, was in the back part of the house when the truck crashed into it.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, the crash occurred at approximately 2:00 p.m., when the 2000 Volvo tractor trailer was northbound on U.

S. Hwy. 231. Jimmy R. Guilford, age 47, of Elba, Alabama, driver of the truck, apparently blacked out causing his semi to go off the right side of the roadway, striking a stop sign, continuing into a ditch and striking a culvert. The truck then crashed into the house, shearing off the porch and front part of the house, and came to a stop when it hit a large pine tree just beside the house.

Guilford was airlifted by an Air Heart Helicopter to Flowers Hospital in Dothan. According to the FHP report Guilford had only moderate injuries, he was later discharged and family members described his injuries as three broken ribs and numerous cuts and bruises around his head and on his arms.

Approximately \$60,000 worth of damage was done to the home, while the tractor was totaled and the trailer had approximately \$6,000 worth of damage.

Florida Highway Patrol Trooper E.D. Whiddon investigated the crash.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

CenturyTel has been busy passing out new telephone books all around Coffee County. This is a great time for residents to remember Elba's recycling program. These big old phone books (and your other magazines) and old newspapers, aluminum cans, "tin" cans, #1 and #2 plastic bottles, cardboard boxes... all these are actively being recycled by the City of Elba. The collection point is at the back of the old high school and citizens can drop off their recyclables 24-7. We suggest you take yours there and be nice and offer to take those of your neighbor. Next time may be the neighbor will offer to take yours. Either way, you can feel good about your personal actions. The advantages are triple barreled. Recycling saves the environment for future generations, these products are cheaper to utilize than new materials, plus it saves on landfill disposal costs. This last one means recycling helps keep down your (and my) monthly garbage bills.

It appears that Coffee County dodged a bullet with Hurricane Frances. At this writing the experts are predicting the now tropical storm will remain to the East of this area. Coffee County folks can breathe a sigh of relief over that fact and then start dreading the next one... already formed and moving toward America. It is tracking a bit South of where Frances was, which could mean it will be below Florida and turn straight up toward us with a vengeance... or it may just disappear.

Modern day politicians tend to spit out terrible stories based on a bit of truth. A recent ranting was about the increase in health care insurance. This guy was complaining about the \$2600 per year increase in our costs. True, health insurance costs are up too much, as are most living expenses, but those numbers are an insult to the mentality of all Americans... regardless of who is being supported for any office... in this case the presidency of the United States.

Buddy and Carolyn Shively are trying to one-up Heddy and myself in the grandchildren department. We went strutting into church Sunday with our two little ones who spent four days with only white moon and had celebrated a 10th wedding anniversary, only to be body slammed by Buddy and Carolyn with two admittedly cute ones of their own. They even had the parents of their grands there also - something we couldn't match this time around. Their oldest, a blonde with long curly hair, and still a preschooler, was introduced to us and promptly spelled her name. Madyson. She apparently already knows that some newspaper folks need to be carefully lead to the correct spelling of lots of things, especially names. The Shiveleys had better enjoy it now, because this young lady is already pretty enough for us to predict her good looks alone are enough to drive a whole bunch of young men crazy... along with some anxious parents and grandparents!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, investigated the following incidents: two for criminal mischief, five for domestic violence, one burglary, one dog bite, two for harassment and two for theft of property.

The following arrests were made: two for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for running a stop sign, four for speeding, one for no proof of insurance, one for driving with a suspended driver's license, one for a switched tag and one for not wearing a seat belt.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, AUG. 30 - Domestic disturbance at 742 West St. (8:58 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUG. 31 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 669 Reynolds St. (11:07 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6295 County Rd. 110 (5:12 p.m.).

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Veteran care and benefits remain a priority...by Congressman Terry Everett

Congress and the Bush Administration are committed to our nation's veterans both by increasing benefits for veterans and working to ensure that veterans' benefits and care are delivered in a more timely fashion.

Total veterans' spending has increased by 58 percent since 1995, when Republicans took control of Congress. Over the same period, spending for veterans' medical care has been boosted from \$16.2 billion to \$28.3 billion in 2004 - a 75 percent increase. Individual veteran spending has risen by 79 percent over the last nine years. This trend of serving veterans continues with the House passage in May of the 2005 budget blueprint. It allocates nearly \$17 billion for veterans programs - a 15 percent increase over 2004.

This joint commitment of Congress and the Bush Administration to veterans is having a positive effect on veteran care and benefits. Since 2001, the Veterans Administration has enrolled 2.5 million more veterans in health care services, increased outpatient visits from 44 million to 54 million, and increased the number of prescriptions filled from 98 million to 116 million. And, 194 new community-based clinics have been opened since 2001. Six new VA outpatient clinics are planned for Alabama over the next eight years, including Enterprise.

Congress has also provided the VA with the resources it needs to reduce long and tedious claims processing. Claim backlogs have dropped from a high

of 432,000 and are approaching the VA goal of 250,000. The volume of claim decisions a year has increased from 40,000 to 68,000. The average length of time to process a veteran's compensation claim has dropped from approximately 230 days to 160 days. The VA is working to meet its processing goal of 100 days this year. Also this year the list of veterans waiting more than six months for basic medical care, which peaked at 300,000, is expected to be nearly eliminated.

Treating veterans with military disabilities, lower incomes, and special needs has always been the VA's core medical care mission and its highest priority. The VA has established a new scheduling system to ensure that

The 2005 Defense Authorization bill, which has passed the House, also eliminates the Social Security offset under the Survivor's Benefit Plan (SBP), also known as the

Fans in the stands can make a difference

by Linda Hodge, Editor

last week's game vs. the Cottonwood Bears should no longer be questioning those players.

I remember watching a football movie one time where one of the players made a remark about his play putting "fans in the stands."

Well, the play of the Elba Tigers last week is definitely what puts fans in the stands! The first half of the game didn't go Elba's way, and the team made some noticeable mistakes but didn't give up.

Hey, we fans didn't do much better either. We totally got out cheered during the first half.

But, things changed in the second half, and as best as I am concerned it was the best half of football I have been a part of at Elba for many years.

The players gave it everything they had and almost got a win despite being way down following the first two quarters. And, the fans came alive and let the players know they had plenty of support by cheering for each and every play.

When people talk about the

Thank You

I would like to thank the citizens of Elba and people of District 5 for their trust and support over the years. While I have

served as your leader as Councilman in District 5, you have been supportive in every way and I am humbly grateful. I promise to keep working hard to safeguard your trust and support. I believe **Honesty** and **Unity** could be the key to a fast start with the new Elba administration, working as one body together, so Elba citizens may keep moving forward together.

May God Richly Bless our City, our Citizens and our Families

Ronnie Hammond

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• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

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• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tues. - 7 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7:00 p.m. - Masonic Lodge 170 - 1st & 3rd p.m. - 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ricky,

I am sure you probably remember me. I am Jamal Walker, originally from Elba and a resident of Brantley for the past 20 years. I felt the need to respond to your negative comments concerning the Brantley High School public announcer of the Brantley/Elba ballgame. Friday night, Steve Walker is his name and he has been a very faithful and dedicated supporter of Brantley football for many years. He has been asked year after year to continue announcing our ballgames, so yes, Brantley fans DO enjoy his commentary as you call it. He not only does a very accurate play by play (that he is asked to do) but also does everything that he is asked to do. Yes, he does have a list that he is given before the game to announce information from several organizations and groups at Brantley High School. Yes, he DOES have a list of announcements to make from our many generous sponsors and from our administrators. In other words, he DOES what is asked of him. No, it does not bother the Bulldog fans in the least. Friday night's game was a good clean ballgame with good sportsmanship displayed from both teams. How sad that an adult can find fault with our announcer and

have the audacity to print it in a newspaper that Brantley fans clearly support with their dedication to buying and reading. A part of me will always love Elba Football although I am clearly a Bulldog fan now. However, I would NEVER leave a game and print something so unimportant and unkind about someone who I do not even know.

You are entitled to your opinion, as we all are in this great, free country of ours, but that it is one that certainly had no purpose being printed in a newspaper. I just wanted to let you know that I am very disappointed in your article and the fact that you, as the person I know, you to be, would even think about printing, much less do it. You see, it hurt my feelings because the announcer is not only one of the kindest, sincere, and intelligent men you could ever meet, he is also the father of my 3 children and my husband of 22 years. I hope you will keep your negative comments to yourself in the future if they involve being negative to someone for no reason at all. Perhaps he will begin to announce the time and temperature in your honor.

Jama Lewis Walker

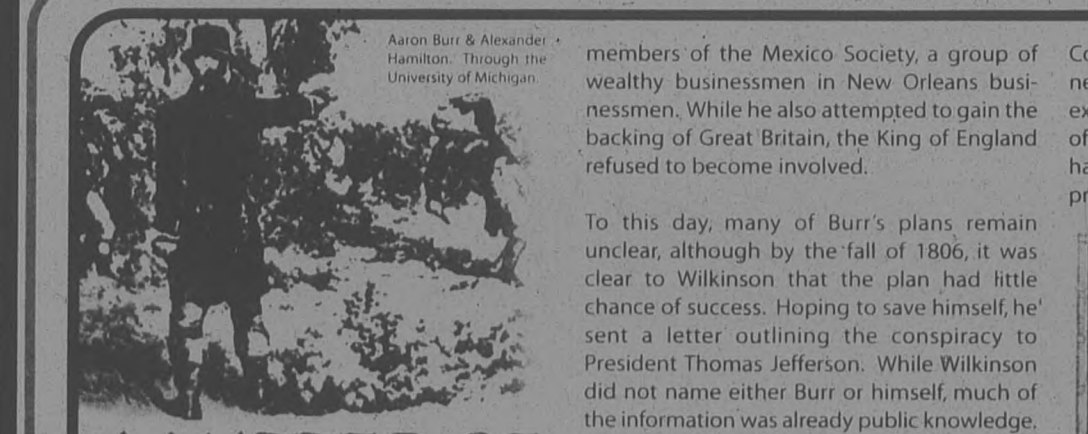
Editor,
I salute the Rev. Jerry Falwell

The National Security Group, Inc. announces share results

Results for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, were reported as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Premium Income	\$14,105,000	\$12,025,000	\$27,900,000	\$21,952,000
Investment Income	1,187,000	1,183,000	2,238,000	2,242,000
Realized Investment Gains	699,000	595,000	1,086,000	661,000
Rental Revenue	\$ 424,000	\$ 307,000	\$ 798,000	\$ 565,000
Franchise Fees	\$ 105,000	\$ 333,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 701,000
Other Income	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000
Total Revenue	\$16,853,000	\$14,443,000	\$32,805,000	\$26,121,000
Net Income	\$ 2,444,000	\$ 1,326,000	\$ 3,497,000	\$ 2,096,000
Net Income Per Share	\$ 0.99	\$ 0.54	\$ 1.42	\$ 0.85

FOCUSED ON FACTS



Aaron Burr & Alexander Hamilton. Through the University of Michigan.

A MATTER OF TREASON?
Vice-President Aaron Burr killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel in July 1804. Three years later, he was a prisoner facing treason charges in a Richmond, Virginia courtroom. The result of his trial established a definition for treason that continues to be used by the courts to this day.

After completing his term in 1805, Burr traveled throughout the Louisiana territory promoting a scheme to create a new country that would include part of the newly purchased Louisiana territory. Burr was able to recruit James Wilkinson, who was governor of the northern Louisiana territory, as well as the

THE WEB JOURNEY

The Aaron Burr Trial
This resource, developed under the direction of the University of Missouri at Kansas City is part of their law school's Famous Trials series. Included is a chronology, primary source documents from the trial, an overview of the trial and preceding events.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/25kfl>

The Duel
This PBS resource is the online companion to their film that bears the same title. It focuses on the 1804 duel between Hamilton and Burr, but includes a well-researched explanation of the land conspiracy and trial. It also offers brief biographies of many of the central figures in Burr's life.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/4613q>

John Marshall
Prepared by the Library of Virginia as part of a 2001 exhibition about John Marshall, this biography of the nation's fourth Chief Justice discusses his involvement in the 1807 treason trial.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/4wdwv>

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James Winzell Bryan Family
The family of JAMES WINDELL BRYAN wants to thank all our friends and relatives for the prayers, flowers, food, telephone calls, cards and other acts of love during the recent loss of our father. God bless all of you.

Lynnette & Gene Clouton
Vivian Bryan (widow of Jimmy)
Harry & Nancy Bryan
Janet & Charles Lewis
Dixie Bryan
& All other family members
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JESSE ROBINSON FAMILY
We would like to express our gratitude for the food, prayers, flowers, and visits during the time of our loss. A special thanks to Dr. Dyess and his staff.

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Born on September 5, 1847, he fought as a guerrilla for the Confederate army during the Civil War. After the war, he, his brother, and cousins formed a gang that robbed trains and banks throughout the Midwest. Known as the James Younger gang, he became their leader, and his exploits were known across the country. Who was he?

Need to find the answer, or get more info?
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ALABAMA FAST FACT

President Dwight Eisenhower dedicated the George C. Marshall Flight Centre on September 8, 1960. The center, directed by Werner von Braun, was responsible for building the rockets that resulted in the United States placing a man on the moon in 1969.

Find out more about the center at <http://tinyurl.com/5qpyy>

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Revival services planned at Jack Assembly of God

Jack Assembly of God will be holding revival services Monday, September 13 - Friday, September 17 at 7:15 p.m. night. Evangelists for the week will be Bro. Ara Allen of Brundage, Ala. (Wed. evening service) and

Bro. Scott Morris of Richton, Miss. (remaining services). Everyone is invited to attend. Jack Assembly of God Church is located on County Road 208 in the Jack community.

4th Annual Gospel Bluegrass Festival to be held September 18

The 4th Annual Gospel Bluegrass Festival will be held September 18, 2004 at 4 p.m. This festival will be at Crystal Springs Park in downtown Red Level, Ala. This will feature Crossover Bluegrass, Jimmy Williams and The Gospel Grass, The Wilkersons Family, Martin Hicks and The Bluegrass Boys,

The Turman Family, and The Smith's. The Annual Bluegrass Festival is hosted by The Bush Family and will be co-sponsored by South Church of God. Love offering will be taken and also bring lawn chairs. For more information call (334) 469-5677.

Victoria Baptist Church to host Gospel Singing

The Victoria Baptist Church will host a Gospel Singing Saturday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. The guest singers group

will be Jerry and Tammy Sullivan. Everyone is invited to attend.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Winston Tyson Kelley, Jr. - September 3; Annie Pearl Siler - September 5 (in memory of); D.J. Belcher - September 5; Kelley O. Phillips - September 7; Edwina Williams - September 9; Leroy Cole - September 10; Brandy Caldwell - September 10; Nathaniel and Annie Jean Lee - September 11 (W.A.)



Tyron Kelley
Tyron Kelley is five years old

Winston Tyron Kelley, Jr. celebrated his 5th birthday September 3, 2004 with family and friends.

He is the son of Winston Tyron Kelley, Sr. and Melissa Margo Kelley of Elba, Ala. Winston has a younger brother, Terrence Isaac Kelley who is 1 year old.

Winston is in his 2nd year of Elba Head Start. He is the grandson of Marie Ernestine Kelley and Glen Kelley of Elba and the late Mary L. Davis, Elba. The great-grandson of Eria Belcher and the late Grover Belcher of Elba.

Winston says: He loves God, his

family, day care, football, and T-Ball.

***FIRST SERMON: Tyron Smith Wise will preach his FIRST Sermon, September 12, 2004 at 6 p.m. at Bethlehem MB Church, Elba, Ala.

MULBERRY WOMEN CONVENTION:

An Auxiliary of the Mulberry Women Convention will meet Saturday, September 18, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at Mulberry Missionary Baptist Educational Building. This is located on Hwy 84, Elba, Ala.

***100 ANOINTED VOICES: 100 Anointed Voices for the Glory of God and the Deliverance of his people concert will be held Sunday, September 19, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the South East District Singing Convention Building.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Deloris McBride named to UAB summer honors list

Deloris C. McBride of Elba, a student in the School of Health-Related Professions at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), was named to the dean's list for the summer 2004 term.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must attend school full-time and earn an overall total grade-point average of 3.6 to 3.9 on a 4.0 scale.

UAB encourages academic excellence through the publication of honor rolls, scholarship awards and the UAB Honors Program.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

Wiregrass Veterans Rally planned for September 11

The Wiregrass Veterans Rally will be held September 11, 2004 at Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center on 795 Ross Clark Circle in Dothan, Ala. This event will start at 12 noon and last until 3 p.m. Federal, state, and local elected officials will be on hand. Area Veterans and their families

are invited to attend. The dress is casual and light refreshments will be served.

This event is sponsored by the Wiregrass Veterans Alliance. For more information call Marshall Smith, State Dept. of Veterans Affairs at 677-4749.

University of Alabama awards degrees

The University of Alabama awarded some 1,260 degrees at summer commencement ceremonies held Monday, Aug. 16, in Coleman Coliseum on the

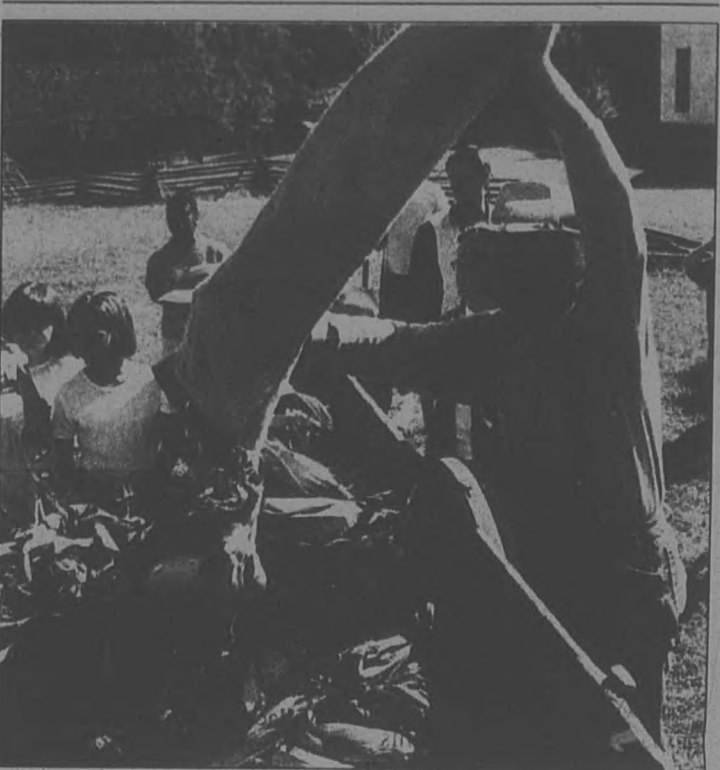
Tuscaloosa campus. Among those graduating was: Leslie Adonna Stinson of Elba, Ala. with a BCB degree.

Republican Women of Coffee County to meet

Republican Women Of Coffee County will be meeting at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle on Wednesday, September 15th at 11:30 AM for their luncheon meeting.

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Chapman will be speaking. The menu will be Grilled Chicken Breast Salad with Bread Stick, and Drink for \$7.00 inclusive. The public is invited. For reservations call Fay McCrary at 393-0471.



VISITORS TO LANDMARK PARK on Saturday, Sept. 11 will have the opportunity to participate in an old-fashioned "corn pulling" and learn how important the crop was to the Wiregrass farmer of the early 1900's. Participants will venture into the corn field to help gather the ears, learn how corn was grown and used, and sample some of the foods derived from it. Shown emptying another sack of corn into the wagon is Landmark Park's farm manager, Sid Brannon. The program begins at 10:00am and is free with park admission. Admission to the park is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Registration is required and can be made by calling the park office at 794-3452. Landmark Park is located on Hwy 431 in Dothan and serves as Alabama's Official Museum of Agriculture.

LIFESTYLES

Spoon-Bedsale wedding to be held Saturday, September 25



Mr. Bedsale & Miss Spoon

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Spoon of Opp announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, LaDonna Euline to James Richie Bedsale, formerly of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ms. Margaret Norris, and the late Lewis Norris of Plant City, Florida. Mr. Felix Reynolds of Opp and the late Euline Reynolds.

She is a 1999 graduate of Opp High School and is employed at a Opp Nursing facility.

The prospective groom is the son of Ms. Nancy Bedsale of Elba and James Bedsale of Opp. He is the grandson of the late John and Jessie Young of Opp, the late Annie Bedsale of Opp and the late Alvin Bedsale of Kingston.

He is a 1993 graduate of Elba High School and is employed with a Sandblasting Company. The wedding is planned for September 25, 2004 at 4:00 in the afternoon, at the Sweet Home Baptist Church, located on 331 N. in Opp, with a reception to follow at the Nicholas Jeffcoat Center.

All family and friends are invited to attend.

WCC announces summer term President & Dean's List

Wallace Community College President Linda C. Young has announced the 2004 summer term President's List, naming 75 recipients who earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages while maintaining a minimum of 12 semester hours of study. WCC Instructional Dean John Fergus has also announced the 2004 Summer Term Dean's List, which includes 89 students who earned 3.5 - 3.9 grade point averages while maintaining a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Wallace Community College offers instruction at the Wallace Campus in Dothan, Sparks Campus in Eufaula, and at the Fort Rucker Center.

Dean's List recipients includes Elender N. Dewberry from Elba.

Many family members and friends were present to celebrate with the birthday boy.



Dawn Bailey

Dawn Bailey awarded scholarship

Dawn Bailey, an LPN employed at the Elba Nursing Home, was recently selected as the recipient of The Coalition of Women in Long Term Care (COWL) \$1000 scholarship, an award given to women in long term care facilities wishing to advance their licensure and/or certification. During her more than ten years of employment with the facility, Ms. Bailey has worked as a medication nurse and team leader, and is currently employed in the MDS / Care Plan Office. She was nominated for the award due to her commitment, hard-work, and dependability, and she plans to further her nursing education at Wallace Community College in Dothan, Ala.

Dawn lives with her husband Darren and son Lance in Enterprise, Ala.

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New Arrival



Avery Kyle Padgett

Annley Marye Padgett announces the birth of her baby brother Avery Kyle Padgett. Avery was born August 12, 2004, at Medical Center Enterprise. He weighed 7 pounds and measured 20 inches in length.

Parents of Annley and Avery are Kyle and Dana Padgett of Elba.

Avery's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Padgett, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stinson all of Elba.

Avery's great-grandparents are Mr. Edna Sue Stinson and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hudson of Elba.

Avery and Annley are fifth generation children in their mother's family. Mrs. Lotus (Lois) Hudson, age 95, of Elba is their great grandmother.

Avery's birth is significant to the Padgett family in that he is the Padgett namesake. He is the only fifth generation male Padgett descending from William Washington and Laney Blake Padgett who were the parents of Avery's late great grandfather Otis Artful Padgett. Mrs. Reba King of Elba, Avery's great aunt is the only surviving child of William Washington and Laney Padgett.

A resolution congratulating the honor was presented to Weldon by Eddie Vaughn. The resolution was sent from the office of Representative Terry Spicer. Charlotte Hobson photographed the honoree and many guests during the birthday celebration. She placed all the pictures in an album for Weldon to remember this wonderful occasion by.

There were approximately 200 family and friends that gathered for the birthday celebration.

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Bryan celebrates 80th birthday

The 80th birthday celebration for Weldon Bryan was one of fun and fellowship for all who attended. It was held in the Pine Level Community at Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Saturday, July 25th. Many friends and relatives came to wish him well and reminisce of days gone by as well as many more years to come.

Each guest was given a program by Weldon's great-granddaughters: Natalie Overstreet, Claudia Collins and Hannah Overstreet. The program had a picture on the cover of Weldon in his military uniform and his wife, Tracie, at their 50th wedding anniversary, which took place 10 years ago. Inside the program listed Weldon's family members and a short synopsis of his life. Paula Collins, Weldon's granddaughter, lovingly designed and printed the programs for Weldon and his guests.

As the guests entered the fellowship hall, they got to view pictures of Weldon throughout his life. The pictures dated back to when Weldon was in the military at the age of 21.

Guests enjoyed delicious refreshments while fellowshiping with Weldon. A beautiful ivory two-tiered cake, adorned with strawberries and grapes was served by Paula Collins.

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Brandon Ethan Sharitt

Monica and Robert Sharitt of Mobile, Ala. announce the birth of their son, Brandon Ethan Sharitt, born July 26, 2004 in Mobile at a Mobile Hospital and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches in length.

Grandparents are Ann Waters McCrory and Andy McCrory, Robin and Susan Jett, all of Mobile.

Great grandmother is the late Grace Waters of Elba.

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Children programs to begin at the Elba Public Library

All children ages 2-4 years of age, kindergarten - 3rd grades, 4-6 grades are invited to participate in children's opportunities at the Elba Public Library. For 2-4 years old every Tuesday starting September 7 from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.; K-3 grades every Thursday, starting September 9, from 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.; every Monday, starting September 13, 4-6 grade children from 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. Adult must stay with child. For more information call 897-6921 ask for Kay.

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Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
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Tue. Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class - 6:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Service - 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays

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SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Back when I was growing up the only channels we got on the TV were channel 12 out of Montgomery and channel 4 out of Dothan. If a storm was approaching we would know by the movement of the clouds or maybe the actions of the animals, but rarely got concerned until the storm actually arrived. Now we all watch the Weather Channel and with the "Local on 8" can just about tell you the minute just when a change in the weather will occur. I guess modern technology gives us something to talk about and keeps us informed, but there was much less stress back when whatever happened...happened.

ELBA RALLY FALLS INCHES SHORT IN REGION LOSS

I don't really believe in moral victories, but Friday night's loss to Cottonwood should serve as a wake up call to the Elba Tigers and let them know that when they play well they can win and that they do indeed have the skills to be big winners. With only two winning seasons over the past nine years there is no doubt that while the Elba players want to win, there is some doubt whether or not they actually can win. After Friday night's comeback against Cottonwood that doubt should be gone and the players should be convinced they can win, no matter the opponent and no matter what happens as the game goes along.

The Elba offense scored only six points in the first half and did little to help the defense as the Tigers had three turnovers that led directly to two Cottonwood touchdowns. The offense especially struggled on first down, as on its first four possessions the first play of the series resulted in a pass interception, a two yard loss, a lost fumble and another two yard loss. Second down and late in no fun for an offensive coach, but early in the game Friday night that was what faced Elba's offense time after time. The Tigers did come to life on the offensive side of the ball in the second half and had touchdown drives of 72, 65, 49 and 40 yards, and late in the game the Tigers' new spread offense appeared almost unstoppable. The fact Elba scored four touchdowns in the final 12:55 of the game has to get the players excited, and should lead to an even more exciting attack in weeks to come. You know you have an offensive attack when your team scores 32 points and you can still point to three other possessions when they could have scored!

The much maligned Elba defense played much better Friday night and despite the fact Cottonwood scored 36 points, much of it was not the fault of defensive effort. The first score of the night came on a kick off return, while the second came after a pass interception gave the Bears possession at the Elba 5-yardline. The third Cottonwood score came on a 29-yard drive after an Elba fumble, and late in the half Cottonwood drove for a score after a running into the kicker penalty gave the Bears new life on a punt. The final score by Cottonwood came after the Tigers unsuccessfully went for a first down on fourth and sixteen near midfield. True the score of the game was 36-32, but this time you couldn't blame the defense for allowing all the points. The Elba defense actually took charge in the second half, and except for the one touchdown it headlined, the defense made a number of big plays that pumped life into the comeback. The defense came up with two fumble recoveries, and twice stopped Cottonwood on fourth down with one gamble that gave the offense the ball back in excellent field position. There can be no doubt the defense took a giant step forward!

In years past one of the things that bothered me the most was the way the players looked after a loss. As the players would walk back to the locker room many would be smiling and talking to classmates or girlfriends, and if you didn't know the score you would have thought they had won the game. Losing didn't hurt. Friday night there were tears of disappointment shed by players on the field and on the sidelines, and there was no doubt the loss hurt! If the players will remember how great it felt late in the game when they were coming back and also remember how bad it felt when the final horn sounded and they had lost, my bet would be the great feeling will come back many more times than the sadness.

AREA FOOTBALL TEAMS HAVE WEEK TO FORGET

The second week of the season wasn't one to write home about for teams in the area as three of the four teams took it on the chin. Here's a quick look back:

*** **NEW BROCKTON (1-1)** - The Gamecocks opened region play and got spanked by the Houston County Lions 35-0, in New Brockton. I don't know if the Gamecocks were over-confident after the big win over Zion Chapel or if Houston County was really that good, but I do know that Coach Shannon Clark will not get what went wrong and this week it will be a more determined team that hits the field. Losing is never an option over at New Brockton, and to lose by thirty-five points on your home-field is definitely not acceptable.

*** **KINSTON (0-2)** - The Bulldogs fell behind early and never really threatened in a 30-6 region loss to Arton. Kinston did show signs of improvement at times and never gave up, but the Bulldogs were simply not the better team Friday night and got beat. The key down in Kinston is for the team to forget the bad things and focus in on the good things that happened. The Bulldogs knew going in there would be no easy wins on the schedule and they just have to keep on working and believe that hard work always pays off.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (0-2)** - The Rebels got ambushed down in Florala 47-0 and the score was very indicative of just how lopsided the region contest really was. Zion Chapel made only two first downs the entire game, while the Wildcats ran up and down the field and took advantage of the mismatch to pour on the points. While there is no doubt these Rebels aren't the same team that played 4A Abbeville even in the spring, these Rebels are the same guys that worked hard in the summer and should know they can win when they play well for four quarters. Keep the faith, and keep working hard. It will get better.

*** **BRANTLEY (2-0)** - The Bulldogs made it look easy with a 48-20 win over Goshen and there can be no doubt the 'Dogs are the team to beat in the region once again. The drive of Devans Staton and Chris Booker rolled up big yardage and scored almost at will, while Brantley also showed it could be successful in the air as Edgar Walker connected on seven of ten passes, with all seven receptions going to different receivers. The twenty-eight points allowed meant nothing in the lopsided win, and Friday night the Bulldogs meant went to work and once again got the job done.

BIG GAMES HIGHLIGHT SECOND WEEK OF SEASON

The high school football season may be in only its third week, but last week saw a lot of big region games played all across the state. Here is a look back at some that caught my eye....

*** Jeff Davis bounced back from its opening week 48-14 loss to Dothan by blanking #3 Opelika 28-0 on the new artificial turf at Montgomery's Cranton Bowl. The Vols did nothing right down in Dothan in week #1, but last week made a lot of people scratch their heads with their big win. Now we all wonder if Dothan is that good or is Opelika really that bad.

*** Charles Henderson went up to Bufala and spanked the Tigers 20-0 to take a giant step toward winning the region. The Trojans have been getting better and better in recent years and

maybe this will be the year they make a run at a title. One game doesn't make or break a season, but it was a big win for the Trojans and a big loss for the Tigers.

*** T.R. Miller posted a 10-3 win over Straughn, and it looks like the boys from Brewton are just as good as ever. The tough road win should make the Tigers the favorites to win the region, while Straughn will have to go back to the drawing board after two lack-luster performances on offense in the opening weeks of the season.

*** Red Level made it clear that the Tigers are a team to watch in the 2A ranks with a big 40-12 win over #2 Washington County. All the news heading into the game was about Washington County and its unstoppable running back, but after the game even the fans from down in Chatham had to give the Tigers a lot of credit. Mark week #2 as the week that the Red Level Tigers took a big step forward.

*** Luverne squeaked past Marbury 28-19 and the folks up in Crenshaw County have to be wondering if the Tigers are really as good as most thought they would be. The loss to Opp in the opening round wasn't a shocker, but Marbury was picked to finish near the bottom on the region and the narrow win has to have Coach Dubose and his staff looking for answers.

*** Enterprise opened region play with a 28-20 win over Dothan and all the Wildcat fans are now convinced this is the year the 'Cats move back among the top in the 6A ranks. The Wildcats have looked much improved in their opening two wins and as the confidence grows so will the wins. Maybe the 'Cats are back.

*** Pike County got into the win column and moved to 1-0 in the region last week with an 18-7 win over W.S. Neal. The Bulldogs had almost been written off after the preseason loss to Charles Henderson and their opening week loss to B.T. Washington, but now that they have won all their opponents will once again be leery of the defending state champs.

*** Geneva rallied for a 16-6 win over Opp and it looks like the Panthers may be a team to keep an eye on in the 4A ranks. The Bobcats were sky high after their win over Luverne, but are now 0-1 in a very tough region and must regroup. As for the Panthers, maybe they are better than anyone thought.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** Alabama made it look easy with a 48-17 win over lowly Utah State, but the fact the Tide gave up 17 points makes me wonder what will happen when they line up against a "real" college football team loaded with athletes. The Crimson Tide won last season's opener and very few after that. So, I will wait and see before I get excited about Coach Shula and his Crimson Tide.

*** Troy State went up to Marshall and played old fashioned hard nosed football in claiming a 17-15 win over the Thundering Herd. The Trojans whipped Marshall up front on both sides of the ball and really opened some eyes with their physical style of play. This week's game with Missouri will tell a lot about just how good this team really is, but after watching the Trojans last weekend I have to believe they are a lot better than many thought.

*** Auburn dozed past Louisiana Monroe 31-0 and while the win was impressive to the coaches and fun for the players, it had to be hard to stay awake in the bleachers. The Tigers did just what they had to do to down their outclassed visitors, and showed their future opponents little or nothing about what to expect. It was just what it was supposed to be, an easy win and a day to fill the stands and make lots of money.

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association released its annual financial statement recently. And it revealed that the AHSAA made \$80, 885 last year after revenues of over \$1 million dollars. The organization made \$461, 016 from the football playoffs and \$438, 576 from the basketball playoffs, while the next biggest money maker was in baseball, where over \$68,000 was made from the playoffs. The AHSAA lost money in volleyball, track and golf, but easily had enough from the other sports to cover the losses.

*** In closing... I have watched the Elba Marching Tiger band the last two weeks from the sidelines and have been impressed with the band and its various units. The music is catchy and well played, the flags and dancing girls catch your eye, and the overall show is great. There is no doubt we have a band we can really be proud of.

Host Houston Academy Friday night

Elba Tigers are hungry for region win

Two high school football teams starting for a win will get together Friday night at Elba's Tiger Stadium when the Elba Tigers host the Houston Academy Raiders, in a key Class 2A, Region 2 clash.

The Tigers will enter the game with an 0-2 record, 0-1 in region play, after dropping their opening game of the season 47-26 to Brantley and 36-32 to Cottonwood, while Houston Academy will also bring an 0-2 record, 0-1 in region play, into the clash after losing to G.W. Long 33-3 and Geneva County 25-16.

"Our players really showed a lot of desire last week in battling back against Cottonwood," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials, "and this week they need to build on that emotion and come out ready to play against a Houston Academy team that is much better than most people realize. I know that our fans are expecting us to win because of the fact Houston Academy has an 0-2 record, but we are also 0-2 and I am sure the people over in Dothan feel the same way and see us as a team they can beat."

"Our motto this year is back to the basics," said Raider head coach Rodney Dollar in a pre-season interview. "We are going to have more speed than we've ever had on offense and the one thing we are going to have on defense is competition. We can run eight or nine players out on the defensive front and our JV just gave up six points in six games last season. So, we've got some good young players on that side of the ball."

While the Raiders did lose their starting quarterback and their top two runners from a year ago, they do return sophomore speedster Stanley Jones at pay off. I hope the loss last week

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR FLODS ALONG

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by over the weekend and was complaining that he missed a lot of football action on Saturday Weather Channel. He didn't make any predictions about just when and where the hurricane might hit, but after going 18-5 last week he did seem a little more confident about this week's high school predictions. Here they are....

ELBA VS. HOUSTON ACADEMY

The Pea River felines should be ready to pounce this week after last week's narrow loss at home, but the Raiders from over in the Circle City have been big winners in years past and will bring all their weapons with them when they invade Friday night. Both teams need a win to keep their playoff hopes alive, and the feeling here is that the felines will be purring after a big win.

ELBA 37 HOUSTON ACADEMY 20

NEW BROCKTON VS. WICKSBURG

The Gamecocks lost all their feathers last week to a hungry bunch of Lions and this week will have to figure out a way to survive against some Panthers from over in the Wiregrass. The Gamecocks can cover their wounds and will show up for the fight, but will need more than the home field advantage to post a win on their side of ledger. Call it a hunch....

NEW BROCKTON 15 WICKSBURG 14

KINSTON VS. PLEASANT HOME

The Bulldogs got taken out back to the wood shed last week in a loss to Arton and this week will be looking to break their chains when the Eagles from Covington County fly in for a region show down. While the 'Dogs would like nothing better than to feast on their feathered friends, the guess here is that the Eagles may fly just a little too high.

PLEASANT HOME 34 KINSTON 16

BRANTLEY VS. ZION CHAPEL

The Bulldogs from across the river have made it look easy the opening two weeks of the season and this week have to be licking their lips waiting for the arrival of the Rebels from Coffee County. The Rebels will march in and put up a fight, but at the final horn the 'Dogs will be the ones making the noise.

BRANTLEY 48 ZION CHAPEL 8

OTHER PICKS:

Florala 29 Arton 13

Goshen 22 McKenzie 20

Sweet Water 45 Sunshine 0

Cottonwood 27 Geneva County 6

Washington County 35 Flomaton 8

Southern Choctaw 26 Georgiana 12

Luverne 28 Highland Home 14

Houston County 34 Samson 13

Leroy 15 Red Level 13

G.W. Long 36 Lanett 27

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Dothan 24 Opelika 21

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SPORTS

Tiger volleyballers claim win over Opp, upset by Samson

The Elba Tiger volleyball team hit the road twice last week for matches in Opp and Samson and had mixed reviews as they claimed one win and one loss to move their record to 3-3 on the season.

The Tigers battled Opp last Tuesday afternoon and posted a win by the scores of 25-22, 25-27, 25-15 and 25-16.

"The girls played super against Opp," stated Coach Amelia Rhoades. "We did a great job from the service line and these girls have really improved their skills. I was very proud of their performance."

Lyndsay Lawford and Yolanda Reynolds both recorded 21 service points, including runs of seven straight, to lead Elba, while Kendall Stinson had 17 and Kristen Barnes added 15. Lyndsay Lawford also recorded 6 kills, while Whitney Lawford had 5 kills and Mallory Allen

and Kendall Stinson had 6 assists, each.

The Tigers traveled to Samson on Thursday afternoon and dropped the decision by the scores of 26-24, 22-25, 21-25 and 18-25.

"The varsity lost a very good match against Samson," said Coach Rhoades. "I thought they were ready for us and wanted the win. Serving was a factor in the loss, since we had 15 service errors that could have made the difference."

Top servers in the match were Kendall Stinson with 24, while Kristen Barnes added 23 and Whitney Lawford had 17. Lyndsay Lawford added 8 kills and Yolanda Reynolds had 4, while Kendall Stinson led Elba with 12 assists, followed by Mallory Allen with 8. Lyndsay Lawford had 4 blocks and Whitney Lawford had 2.

Tiger JV claims volleyball wins over Opp and Samson

The Elba Tiger junior varsity volleyball team claimed a pair of wins on the road last week to improve their record to 3-4 on the season.

"These girls are ready to play some volleyball," stated Coach Amelia Rhoades. "It is wonderful to watch the improvement this team has made in a very short time, and one area that is needed is their coach ability. They are very dedicated and are hard workers."

The Tiger JV opened the week's action on the road in Opp and claimed a win by the scores of 25-19 and 25-12.

"Melanie Mularz had 14 service points in the win, including 10 straight to close out the second game of the match," added Coach Rhoades. "This is an outstanding effort for a junior varsity player. However, Melanie is a very hard worker at practice and on game day. She is willing and ready to step up and get the job done every time."

Dove season is fast approaching for South Alabama hunters

With dove hunting season upon us, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources reminds hunters that fields must meet certain guidelines to be considered legal for hunting.

The North Zone split season is September 11 through October 2. October 30 through November 20, and December 18 through January 2. The South Zone split season is October 9 through November 6, November 24 through November 28, and December 11 through January 15. Except for opening day when hunting begins at noon, the shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset in both zones.

The following information should clarify any issues concerning dove fields, and help avoid problems which may result from improperly prepared fields.

Hunting over harvested or manipulated standing crops is a legal method of hunting doves. In fact, hunting over harvested or manipulated standing crops may provide excellent dove hunting over a longer period of time than is provided by a small grain planting. Doves are attracted to areas that have abundant seed or grains. Standing crops such as browntop millet, dove proso millet and perchedov sunflower are highly preferred foods and may be manipulated by mowing, raking, disking, or burning.

Federal migratory bird hunting regulations use the recommendations of the Cooperative Extension System state specialists to determine what constitutes a normal agricultural planting.

For further information or clarification of the regulations, visit the Department's Web site at www.outdooralabama.com or call the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries district office in your area to request a copy of the brochure "Management and Hunting of Mourning Doves in Alabama."

Tambra Oliver added 9 service points, while Jenae Williams had 7 and Anna Petty recorded 6.

The Tiger JV closed out the week with a win over Samson by the scores of 25-13 and 25-11.

"Tambra Oliver had 19 service points in the match, and also served 10 straight at one point," added Coach Rhoades. "It is very unusual for two teammates to serve 10 straight points in consecutive matches, but Melanie and Tambra did it this week and it is quite an accomplishment. Tambra really showed her skills and talents and I am pleased to know that we have finally learned that good serving will win volleyball matches."

April Finedore added 8 service points, Anna Petty had 7 and Melanie Mularz closed out the first match with 5 straight.



Elba JV Tiger April Finedore goes to a knee to dig out a serve in last week's win over Opp. The Tiger JV posted wins over Opp and Samson last week.

(Photo by John Wallace, Andalusia Star/News)

ELBA VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 9
Opp at Elba (4:00) JV-V

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Tuesday, Sept. 14
Elba at Zion Chapel (4:00) JR-JV-V

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- Present District Judge for Coffee County

EDUCATION

- Educated in the Enterprise City Schools System- 1965 EHS Graduate
- Graduated Auburn University in 1969 - BS in Finance and Accounting
- Graduated Alabama School of Law - Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1973

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**Let's Go...
Outdoors with Ben**
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Fishing With Cut Bait

Anyone who has fished in salt water has fished with cut bait. Cut bait is simply cutting up a whole fish, squid or whatever into pieces rather than using the whole fish.

Cut bait is used primarily for bottom fishing in salt water. Many large fish, both saltwater and fresh water species, crawl the bottom picking up dead baitfish. The number of saltwater species that can be caught on cut bait is too numerous to mention. In fresh water my best looks and trophies. If I am having an easy time finding bait, I won't bait with fish I caught this morning in the afternoon. I go and catch some more fresh bait," he said.

A few years ago I stopped at a public launch on the Coosa River just as an elderly fisherman was tying his boat down. I casually walked over to make conversation and was astonished at the pile of catfish in the bottom of his boat. Several were in the twenty-pound plus range. The first time I asked him what kind of bait he was using he just changed the subject and didn't answer. After talking for a while I ask him again. He paused and said, "You live around here, sonny? "No sir" I answered, "I'm from south Alabama." Ok, since you ain't from round here, I'll tell you-it's cut bait.

After quizzing the gentlemen, he told me he had tried all the commercial cheese and blood baits with some success, but he now fished exclusively with cut bait year round. "There is just something about the natural juices that come from cut up fish that attract the fish that eat them," he said.

He said he sometimes froze cut bait in order to have bait when he had a hard time finding fresh threadfin or gizzard shad, but given the choice he had much rather have fresh baitfish to cut up. "The fresh-er the better, I like to catch my baitfish and immediately go bait up my bush hooks and trotlines. If I am having an easy time finding bait, I won't bait with fish I caught this morning in the afternoon. I go and catch some more fresh bait," he said.

My newfound friend said he caught a lot of big catfish using only the head of a baitfish. He also scaled and filleted what was left. He said he made shallow cuts on the scale side to release more odors to attract feeding fish.

Cut bait is good bait anywhere bottom feeders swim, but it can be exceptionally good bait when fishing below dams. Turbines chop up baitfish by the thousands. Fishermen waiting below the dam and fishing with cut bait usually do well when they turn the turbines on.

In a pinch cut bait can even be used for panfish. I ran out of worms on a bluegill bed once. I filleted a blue gill into thin strips, baited and jiggled the pole. They didn't bite as fast, but we filled our limit with our improvised bait.

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SPORTS

In 36-32 loss to Cottonwood

Fourth quarter rally falls inches short



Elba's Kikko Logan (2) gained 39 yards and scored 1 touchdown on 6 carries and pulled in 5 passes for 26 yards last week in the Tigers' region opener against the Cottonwood Bears.



Elba's Ryan Gibbs (42) looks for a Bear runner as a Cottonwood blocker attempts to provide a path to run. Gibbs made 4 tackles and 2 assists last week in the region clash.



THE SHOW MUST GO ON...Elba danceline members (l-r) Elena McCormick and Becca English ignored the rain drenched field during their halftime routine last week with the Marching Tiger Band.

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Elba's Coach Scott Rials talks with his players during a time-out.

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers staged a furious second half rally in an attempt to erase a 24-point third quarter deficit, but fell just inches short of the first down marker inside the Cottonwood 5-yardline with :07 left on the clock as they fell to 0-2 on the season with a wild 36-32 loss to the Bears, Friday night in Elba.

Cottonwood received the opening kick off and stunned the Tigers as Rhy-Shaun Tillman headed up the middle of the field, was slowed down by a mass of players near the 50-yardline and then bounced outside and raced down the sidelines untouched for an 80-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Dexter Williams kicked the extra-point and with just 19 seconds gone in the third quarter, the Bears were already on top 7-0.

The Bears' Brandon Outlaw intercepted a pass on Elba's first play from scrimmage and returned the interception 30 yards to put Cottonwood in business at the Elba 5-yardline. One play later Dexter Williams went in standing up on a 5-yard touchdown scamper, and Williams also tacked on the extra-point as the Bears' lead grew to 14-0 with 11:19 still remaining in the first quarter.

The Tigers quickly moved to a first down at the Cottonwood 41-yardline on their ensuing possession, with the key play in the drive being a 29-yard pass completion from Brandon Kelly to LaRay Williams. The drive came to an abrupt end after reaching the 41, however, as the Tigers lost possession on a fumble to kill the early scoring opportunity.

Elba's Trey Davis recovered a Cottonwood fumble at the Tigers' 29-yardline midway through the quarter to turn back a Bear threat, but the Tigers gave the ball right back as they lost a fumble on the very next snap to put the Bears back in business at the Elba 28.

A 26-yard pass from Allen Williams to Michael Curry moved the Bears near the goal line, and one play later Dexter Williams bulled over from one yard out to score Cottonwood's third touchdown of the stanza. A bad snap foiled the extra-point attempt, but with 5:15 remaining in the first quarter Cottonwood had raced out to a commanding 20-0 lead.

Elba took the ensuing kick off and behind the running and passing of Brandon Kelly moved to a first down at the Cottonwood 32-yardline. Kelly's next four passes resulted in three incompletions and a four-yard loss; however, as the Tigers saw another scoring opportunity go by the scoreboard.

The Tigers got the ball back early in the second quarter on a Cottonwood punt and this time reached paydirt as they marched 77 yards in only four plays to get on the scoreboard. An 18-yard pass completion from Brandon Kelly to LaRay Williams got the drive off to a fast start, while a 24-yard completion from Kelly to Joseph Platt moved the Tigers to the Bears' 32-yardline. Kikko Logan got the call on the next play and raced down the sidelines 32 yards to put the Tigers on the board! The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 9:05 left in the second quarter Elba had cut the Cottonwood lead to 20-6.

Cottonwood put the ball in play at its own 4-yardline late in the half after a 42-yard punt by Elba's Brandon Kelly, and after three plays lined up to punt with the ball resting on its own 13-yardline. The Bear punt fell short of the midfield stripe, but Elba was flagged for running into the punter on the 17, and two plays later Michael Curry capped off the 96-yard drive when he turned the corner and scored on a 15-yard run. Tillman ran in the two-point conversion,

and with :29 remaining in the half the Bears were back in charge with a big 28-6 lead. Elba received the second half kick off and promptly marched 72 yards in seven plays to cut into the Cottonwood advantage. Elba was flagged for 34 yards in penalties during the scoring drive, but overcame the penalties as Brandon Kelly connected on 5 of 6 passes for 102 yards and a touchdown. LaRay Williams pulled in one catch for 29 yards during the march, while Mason Guley caught three passes for 70 yards and scored the touchdown on a 47-yard reception. The extra-point try failed, but Elba was within 28-12 with 9:21 left in the third quarter.

Elba's Trey Davis recovered a Bear bobble on Cottonwood's next possession to put the Tigers connected on two of his next four passes, but the completions resulted in negative yardage, and the Tigers turned the ball over on downs at the Cottonwood 41-yardline.

The Bears took advantage of the excellent field-position and marched 59 yards in nine plays to extend their lead. Brandon Outlaw was the work horse of the drive with six carries for 17 yards, while Rhy-Shaun Tillman got the score on a 14-yard run. Michael Curry passed to Outlaw for the two-point conversion and with 2:14 remaining in the third quarter Cottonwood was back in charge with a 36-12 lead.

The Tigers were down big, but not about to quit, and on their next possession covered 44 yards to paydirt in five plays. A 28-yard run by Stefaun Burks was a key play in the scoring march, while the score came on a 28-yard pass from Brandon Kelly to Mason Guley. Kelly ran in the two-point conversion, and with :55 still left in the third quarter Elba had cut the Bears' lead to 36-20.

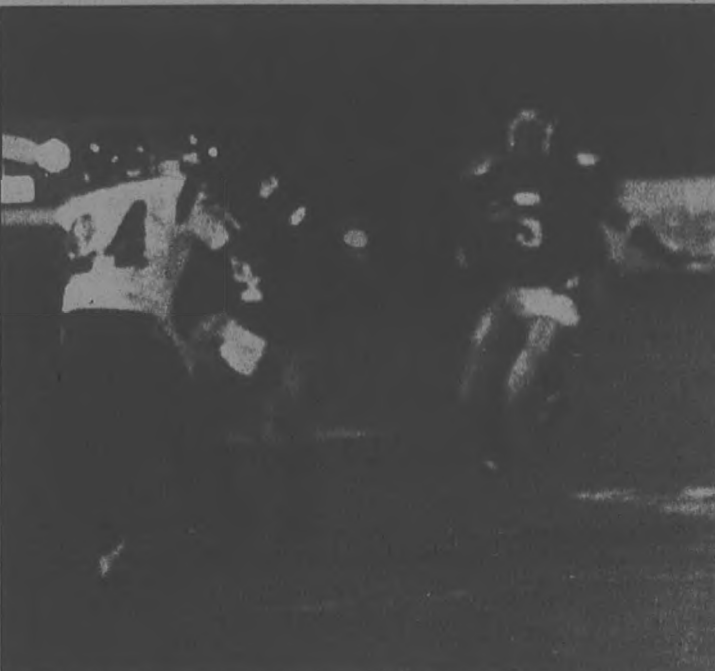
The Elba defense came up with a big stop on fourth down and one near midfield to stop the next Cottonwood possession, and the Tiger defense responded by moving 49 yards in seven plays to get back into the endzone. A 34-yard pass from Brandon Kelly to Mason Guley was a big play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 2-yard run by Kelly. A two-point pass fell incomplete. However, with 8:40 remaining on the clock the Tigers were still alive, trailing 36-26.

The two region rivals swapped turnovers on their next possessions as Elba's Ryan McCollough recovered a Bears' Brandon Outlaw picked off his second Tiger toss of the night.

A 13-yard return of a punt by Elba's LaRay Williams set the Tigers up at the Cottonwood 40-yardline with 4:47 left in the



Elba's LaRay Williams (5) looks for a defender to block as teammate Hunter McGuire (15) heads upfield on a punt return. The Tigers will host Houston Academy Friday night in a crucial region contest.



Elba Tiger LaRay Williams (5) heads upfield after pulling in a pass. Blocking is teammate Reyman Rodgers (4).

game, and on the very next play the Tigers were back in the endzone as Stefaun Burks took a handoff up the middle and raced 40 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try fell short, but with 4:36 remaining on the clock the Tigers had cut the Bears' lead to 36-32 and had their crowd on their feet!

Elba regained possession at the Cottonwood 46-yardline with 2:06 remaining after a defensive stand on fourth down and one, and with the aid of a pass interference call and three big gains by Stefaun Burks moved to the Bears' 14-yardline. The Tigers faced a third down and seven with :27 remaining and then faced a fourth down and five with :19 left after a short gain by Burks. The Tigers called their final time-out to set up the key fourth down play, and on the play Brandon Kelly hit LaRay Williams with a quick pass near the sidelines. Williams stepped three tacklers and fought for the first down yardage, but was stopped a foot short of the marker, and at the final horn the Tigers' rally had

STATISTICS

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23-149	Rushing Yds.	44-193	
309	Passing Yds.	81	
458	Total Offense	274	
20-37-2	Passes	3-6-3	
3/2	Fumbles/Lost	5/3	
1-42	Punts-Ave.	2-36	
4-44	Penalties-Yds.	7-37	

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SPORTS

Region action continues as high school football season reaches week #3

The third week of the high school football season will kick off Friday night for area teams and once again all games will be against region rivals. Following is a preview of this week's games:

WICKSBURG (1-1) AT NEW BROCKTON (1-1)

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to bounce back from last week's lopsided loss to Houston County and even their region slate at 1-1 Friday night when they host the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Bulldogs slipped to 0-2 in early-season action last week with a 30-6 loss to Arton, but Coach Larry Conney reported that he saw improvement in his team in the loss, and is convinced the Bulldogs can get in the win column. The Eagles dropped their season opener to 4A Gulf Shores 48-34, but bounced back last week to down McKenzie 20-12 and will enter the game looking to go 2-0 in region play. In last week's win Alex Hamby returned a kick off 84 yards for a score, while the Eagles added two scores on the ground as their running game got on track. Kingston is still a young team that needs to gain experience on the field, and Friday night the Bulldogs will

29 yards and accounted for 3 touchdowns. The Gamecocks know that to start the region wars 0-2 would put them in a big hole, and this will make this week's battle one New Brockton knows it must win!

PLEASANT HOME (1-1) AT KINGSTON (0-2)

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need to grow up in a hurry if they want to avoid an 0-3 start.

ZION CHAPEL (0-2) AT BRANTLEY (2-0)

Two region opponents will hit the field in Brantley when the undefeated Brantley Bulldogs host the winless Zion Chapel Rebels in what appears to be one of the week's biggest mismatches. The Bulldogs moved to 2-0, 1-0 in region play last week with an easy 48-20 win over Goshen, and in two games the speed of running backs Devaris Skanes and Chris Booker to run past any and all challengers. Skanes, a senior, has gained 294 yards and scored 5 touchdowns in the Bulldogs' two wins, while Booker, a sophomore, has also crossed the goal line 5 times. Zion Chapel has had problems stopping its opponents in the season's opening two games and after two games has allowed an average of 44 points a game. The Rebels were expected to be a team to watch this season in the 1A ranks. However, unless the Rebels can launch an ambush of monumental proportion it looks like an 0-3 start for the men from Jack.



New Brockton assistant coach Justin Jones talks to the Gamecocks during a break in the action in last week's region clash against Houston County. Pictured above are (87) Dee Finley and Derrick Cook (10). The Gamecocks will host Wicksburg this week in another region battle.

In region opener

Gamecocks ripped by Lions 35-0

Story and photos by Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their record slip to 1-1 on the young season and 0-1 in region play Friday night after a disappointing 35-0 loss to the Houston County Lions, in New Brockton.

The Gamecock defense surrendered 272 yards on the ground to the Lions, most of which came on touchdown runs of 72 and 57 yards by Tavares Black. Black finished the night with 183 yards and 3 touchdowns on just 8 carries.

The Gamecocks' offense enjoyed no such success, however, as New Brockton managed only 44 yards, rushing and 94 total yards for the night. Tanner Medley led the Gamecock defense with 11 tackles, while Ted Eubanks and Justin West recorded 7 stops, apiece.

The game started off on a bad foot for New Brockton as Houston County surprised the Gamecocks with an on-sides kick, and then needed only five plays to score its first points of the night. Seaborn Barber scored the game's first touchdown on an 8-yard dash, and Barber also added the extra-point as Houston County jumped ahead 7-0 with 9:50 still left in the opening quarter.

New Brockton put together a long drive on its ensuing possession and appeared to be ready to pull even, but the drive stalled and the scoring threat ended



GAMECOCK DEFENSE...struggled last week against Houston County, but will be looking to bounce back strong this week against the Wicksburg Panthers. Kick off is 7:30 PM.

when a fourth down pass failed to find its target. Houston County added to its lead early in the second quarter when Devin Flucker fielded a Gamecock punt, broke past a host of would be defenders and raced 76 yards for a touchdown. The Lions tacked on a two-point conversion and with 10:04 left in the second quarter Houston County's lead was up to 15-0.

The Lions got the ball back midway through the stanza on a Gamecock punt and once again headed for the endzone. A 17-yard gain by Tavares Black on third down and 15 was a key play in the scoring drive, while Black also scored the touchdown on a 15-yard scamper. The Lions again tacked on a two-pointer and with 4:46 remaining in the half Houston County was in command with a 23-0 advantage.

The Lions added a late touchdown on a 72-yard scoring run by Tavares Black, and over the two-pagit try failed Houston County went in at half time with a big 29-0 lead over the stunned Gamecocks.

Houston County took the ball to begin the second half and it didn't take long for the Lions to add to their lead as on the third play from scrimmage Tavares Black again broke loose and this time raced 57 yards for a touchdown. Houston County was on top 35-0 with 10:23 remaining in the third quarter.

Neither team would threaten to get into the endzone for the remainder of the game. However, both teams did get the opportunity to get their younger players into the game and at the final horn Houston County left the field with a big 35-0 region win.

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REBEL OFFENSE...found it difficult to move the ball last Friday evening against the Florala Wildcats. Here, 2C quarterback Abe Childs prepares to handoff to his running back while offensive lineman DJ. Stinson looks to block a pursuing defender.

(Photo by John Wallace, Andalusia Star/News)

Zion Chapel Rebels ambushed in Florala by high-powered Florala Wildcats 47-0

From combined reports

The Zion Chapel Rebels opened region play Friday night with a road game in Florala and saw their record slip to 0-2 in early-season action after being ambushed 47-0 by the high-powered Florala Wildcats.

The Wildcats jumped ahead early on a 1-yard touchdown run by Corderus Smiley and upped their lead to 14-0 midway through the first quarter on a 17-yard pass from Robby Evans to Jonathan Carley and a two-point run by Smiley.

Evans sneaked over from a yard out with 1:07 remaining in the opening quarter and Tyler Rasberry booted the extra-point to give Florala a 21-0 lead, and the scoring just kept on coming in the second quarter as Robby Evans broke loose and rambled 43 yards for his second score of the half. Rasberry was true with

the extra-point and the Wildcats were in command with a 28-0 lead with 7:03 remaining in the second quarter.

Josh Thrash scored on a 31-yard dash with 8:07 left in the third quarter to extend the Wildcats' lead to 34-0, and Corderus Smiley got back into the endzone with 4:13 left in the stanza on a 6-yard run. Rasberry tacked on the extra-point and the Wildcats were on their way to an easy win as they owned 41-0 advantage with action still in the third quarter!

Smiley closed out the scoring for the Wildcats with 6:55 remaining in the game on a 14-yard scamper as the Cats put the wraps on the big 47-0 win. Corderus Smiley gained 147 yards and scored 3 touchdowns with 17 carries to lead the Florala ground game, while Robby Evans rushed for 96 yards and two touchdowns on only six carries.



FIGHTING FOR YARDS...Rebel fullback Charlie Hurd fought for every yard gained last Friday evening in Florala despite continuously running into a wall of Wildcat defenders. This week, the Rebels will travel to Brantley for another region contest.

(Photo by John Wallace, Andalusia Star/News)

SPORTS



The Brantley High School Band had plenty of chances to practice playing the school's "fight song" last week as the Bulldogs scored seven touchdowns in a 48-20 romp past the Goshen Eagles. This week Brantley will host Zion Chapel in a region contest.



KINSTON BULLDOG CHEERLEADERS...were all smiles last week prior to the game against Arton. The Bulldogs will host Pleasant Home this week in a region contest.

Kinston caged by Purple Cats 30-6

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted regional foe Arton Friday night and when the Purple Cats pounced out to a three touchdown lead in the first quarter the Bulldogs were unable to catch up as the Cats held on to post the big 30-6 win.

Arton received the opening kick off and used 10 plays to cover the 65 yards to the endzone. Brandon Casey carried the football the final three yards for the touchdown, but the Bulldogs' Robert Yates prevented the two-point conversion, and the Purple Cats had to settle for the early 6-0 lead.

Kinston moved the ball across midfield on its first possession, with Keith Tew rushing for 14 yards and Joseph McCrummen adding 9 yards. However, the drive stalled and Cole Meeks was called on to punt.

Kinston's Josh Driver made a touchdown saving tackle at the Bulldog 20-yardline on the punt return, but the tackle only delayed the Arton touchdown as two plays later Joseph Vanzanti hit Mike Daniels with a 16-yard scoring toss. The two-point try again failed, but the Purple Cats were now on top 12-0 in the first quarter.

Kinston's second possession of the night also showed some initial progress as solid rushing by Keith Tew, Joseph McCrummen and Garrett Parker moved the football out near midfield. The drive ended abruptly when Arton's Aaron Reeves picked off a Bulldog pass and returned the interception 47 yards for a touchdown, and with the clock still showing time left in the first quarter the Purple Cats were in charge with an 18-0 advantage.

Keith Tew almost broke free on the ensuing kick off to give the Bulldogs excellent field position at the Arton 43-yardline. Garrett Parker carried the ball for a first down, but the drive bogged down and the 'Dogs turned it over on downs at the Purple Cat 25-yardline.

Kinston received the second half kick off and it appeared the Bulldog offense was on a roll as a succession of runs by Garrett Parker and Keith Tew moved Kinston to the Arton 21-yardline. A fourth down sack ended the scoring threat; however, and



A Kinston Bulldog defender drags down a Purple cat runner for a short gain in last week's region battle.

The Bulldogs gave the ball back to the Cats still trailing 18-0. Arton failed to move the chains on the ensuing possession, but got the ball back on a Kinston punt and this time drove 75 yards in five plays to extend its lead. Brandon Casey got his second touchdown of the game on a 10-yard dash, and the Purple Cats lead was up to 24-0 late in the third quarter.

Kinston's lone score of the game came on what first appeared to be a less than productive drive. A first down pass to Cole Meeks gained five yards, but two straight running plays had little success and left the Bulldogs facing a fourth down and four from their own 45-yardline. Quarterback Garrett Parker broke through the line and out paced the pursuing Purple Cats defenders for an exciting 55-yard touchdown jaunt. A two-point try failed, but as the fourth quarter got underway Kinston was on the scoreboard, although trailing 24-6.

Arton recovered an on-sides kick attempt, but kept the ball for only three plays before the Bulldogs got the ball back on an interception by Billy Johnson. Garrett Parker connected with Johnson for a big gain out to the Bulldog 37, but a fumble killed the drive near midfield and led to the final score of the night.

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Brantley Bulldogs roll past Goshen Eagles 48-20 in region opener

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

Five different players scored touchdowns Friday night as the Brantley Bulldogs man-handled the Goshen Eagles and posted an impressive 48-20 win, in the first region contest of the season for both teams.

The win upped Brantley's record to 2-0, 1-0 in region play, while Goshen slipped to 0-2 with the loss, 0-1 in region competition.

The Bulldogs' first score was set up by a 38-yard Devaris Skanes punt return that put Brantley in business at the Goshen 30-yardline. Three plays later Chris Booker raced 18 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Marcus Owens added the extra-point and with 5:38 left in the opening quarter the Bulldogs were off and running with a 7-0 lead.

Brantley marched to the Goshen 26-yardline on its next possession and appeared ready to add to its lead, but a Bulldog fumble gave the ball back to the Eagles, and two plays later Goshen was on the scoreboard as Judson Ricks hit Lacorey Teague on a 71-yard pass play for a score. Davin Porter booted the extra-point and with 4:1 remaining in the first quarter Goshen had pulled even at 7-7.

Brantley answered the Eagles score by taking the ensuing kick off and marching 53 yards in seven plays. Jeffery Daniels scored the touchdown on a 5-yard run up the middle and Marcus Owens added the extra-point as the Bulldogs regained the lead at 14-7 with 9:25 left in the second quarter.

Jeffery Daniels recovered a Goshen fumble three plays later to set the Bulldogs up at the Goshen 30-yardline, and after moving the chains once, Chris Booker took a pitch-out from Edgar Walker and went 20 yards into the endzone. The extra-point try failed, but with 7:03 remaining in the second quarter Brantley was back in command with a 20-7 advantage.

The Brantley defense held the Eagles to a three and out on the game's next offensive possession and the Bulldog offense returned to the field with the ball at the Brantley 28-yardline. Edgar Walker connected on three passes to three different receivers to highlight the Bulldog scoring drive, which was capped off on the ninth play of the possession when Chris Booker went around right end from 18 yards out for a touchdown. Terrell Burnett ran in the two-point conversion and with 1:44 left in the half the Bulldogs were on top 28-7.

The second half opened much like the first half had ended as Devaris Skanes took the first snap of the half and raced 65 yards into the endzone. Owens tackled on the extra-point and with just 23-seconds gone in the third quarter Brantley's lead was up to 35-7.

Brantley's Antwan Foster recovered an Eagle fumble on Goshen's first offensive play of the half at the Eagle 40-yardline, and from there Edgar Walker continued his air assault against



Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) runs past a Goshen defender for a big gain. Skanes gained 149 yards on 13 carries to lead the Bulldogs to a big region win over the Eagles.



A Brantley defender leaps high to help make a tackle in last week's 48-20 win over Goshen. The Bulldogs moved to 2-0 with the region win.

Goshen defense. Walker completed three passes to a trio of receivers to lead the Bulldogs down the field, with the score coming on a 6-yard pass to Lance Myers. The extra-point attempt failed, but Brantley was now on top 41-7 with 9:08 still left in the third quarter.

Devaris Skanes gained 149 yards on 13 carries to lead the Bulldog ground attack, while Chris Booker added 90 yards on 8 carries and scored 3 touchdowns. Terrell Burnett gained 58 yards on 4 carries and Jeffery Daniels added 24 yards on 4 carries. Edgar Walker had a big night passing as he connected on 7 passes to 7 different receivers.

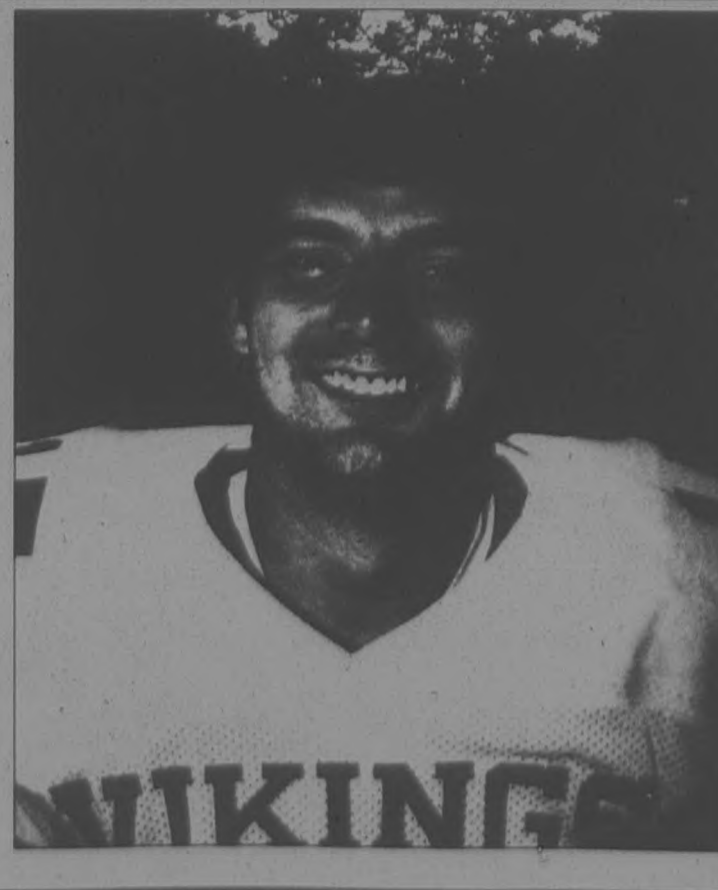
Brantley's final score of the game came on a three play drive that covered 54 yards. Terrell Burnett had carries of 46, 2 and a 6-yard touchdown scamper to cover the distance into the endzone. Derrick Foster scored the touchdown on a 2-yard plunge, but the extra-point try failed, and with 5:29 left in the quarter the Bulldogs were still in command with a 41-13 advantage.

Goshen also managed to get back into the endzone in the final stanza as the Eagles' Derrick Foster scored on a 2-yard plunge to cap off a six play, 71-yard scoring drive. Davin Pelton added the extra-point to close out the scoring as Brantley easily held on to post the 48-20 region win.

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1st Downs	20	8	
Rushes-Yds.	37-345	29-105	
Passing Yds.	90	132	
Total Offense	435	237	
Passes	7-10-0	5-11-0	
Return Yds.	92	140	
Fumbles-Lost	2	2	
Penalties-Yds.	7-52	2-10	
Punts-Ave.	2-36	4-35	

Marcus Taylor is expected to see action at Dana

Former Zion Chapel Rebel standout Marcus Taylor is expected to see plenty of action this year as the Dana Vikings, of Blair, Nebraska, try to bounce back after last season's 2-9 record. The Vikings compete in the Great Plains Athletic Conference and return nine starters on offense and eight on defense. Taylor is a 6'0", 205 pound senior quarterback.



SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight

by Ashley Gibson



This week's co-op spotlight is Clark Skinner.

Clark is the 17-year-old son of Tommy and Brenda Skinner and Sandra Skinner. He is now a senior at Elba High School where he is an active member of the varsity baseball team and VICA.

Clark is employed at National Security where he cuts grass as a part of the grounds crew. He enjoys his job because he gets to meet new people and make new friends.

After high school, Clark plans to become an electrician and work at Dynacore. Clark describes himself as laid back and easy to get along with, and that makes him a perfect choice for this week's co-op spotlight!



Picture of the Week (by Judson Vaughan). Look at what senioritis will do to you!

EHS welcomes new faculty member

by Kayla Kelley

There are several new teachers this year at Elba High School, and one of the many new teachers is Lindsay Kirk.

Mrs. Kirk came to Elba highly recommended from Enterprise High School, New Brockton High School and Carroll High School in Ozark. She now resides in Elba as the Family and Consumer Science teacher. This will be her second year teaching the subject.

Mrs. Kirk is also a registered nurse and a certified health education teacher. Other activities Mrs. Kirk is involved in at Elba High School are Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America club advisor and Junior Class sponsor.

In Mrs. Kirk's spare time, she enjoys working in the yard, keeping house, and visiting family.

Did You Know?...Some interesting facts about Elba

by Brittney Clark

There are several unknown, but very interesting, facts about Elba.

This city began around 1840. A ferry had been started across the Pea River thus beginning the town's first name, Bridgeville. In 1850, the town's name was changed to Bentonville in honor of a Missourian who had distinguished himself in service to Alabama in the Creek War of 1814.

A town meeting was held in Dec. 1851 and all present were allowed to put their idea for a name in a large top hat. Mr. Simmons had been reading a biography of Napoleon Bonaparte, who was exiled to the island of Elba, so he entered that name and it was drawn. The name was officially recognized early in 1852 when the State Legislature established a voting precinct including Elba.

The same year, Elba was selected to be the county seat of Coffee County by a countywide election. In May 1853, with a population of over 20 people, Elba elected to become incorporated.

Elba's school system consists of an elementary school (K-6) and high school (7-12).



Tiger Tales

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EHS Student Spotlight

by Jennifer Grissett

This week's student spotlight is 18-year-old Melinda Gail Dodd. She is the daughter of Jim and Elaine Dodd.

This senior is involved in numerous clubs such as: FBA, FCLCA, FFA, and VICA. She is a member of the EHS Marching Tiger Band where she performs with the color guard.

Melinda enjoys spending time with her friends and her boyfriend. When asked to describe herself, she replied, "I am funny, clumsy, and happy."

Congratulations, Melinda, on being this week's student spotlight!

EHS band mourns the loss of "Willie"-the tuba

After many years of dedicated service, the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band regrettably announces the untimely demise of one of its most beloved members - Willie, the tuba.

The oldest among the marching tubas, Willie recently passed away and must be retired from service to the band.

Willie must be replaced as the band currently has four tuba players and only three marching tubas. Until a replacement can be purchased the band is borrowing a tuba, but it must return it to its owner very soon.

As this catastrophe has been unexpected, money has not been budgeted to replace this most important instrument.

Please contact Jeff Ellis, band director, at 897-2266, or any band parent for more information on how to aid the band during this most difficult time.

Elba has historically support



Lindsay Kirk

She and her husband of 20 years share a blended family—four children of his, two children of hers and one of their own. When asked what she most enjoys about working at Elba High School, Mrs. Kirk replied, "I enjoy the respectfulness of the students, friendliness of the staff, smaller classes and the better teacher/student ratio."

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Journalism staff attends workshop

by Katie Cash

On Thursday, Aug. 26, the Journalism staff attended a Jostens yearbook workshop at Covenant Methodist Church in Dothan, Ala.

The staff learned about the basics of a yearbook and how to create one people will remember and enjoy. There were a variety of sessions to go to during the workshop such as photography, an art session to design yearbook covers, "Yeartrack", a computer yearbook program; and a basic introduction to yearbook design.

Jostens has also created an online yearbook program called "Yearbook Avenue", which makes the yearbook process easier and much more fun. It also provides interesting ideas for yearbooks and more tips to help along the way.

Afterward, the journalism staff had a little fun at Wiregrass Commons Mall. This was a reward for a day spent learning.

This year's staff looks forward to bringing everyone a great yearbook using many of the things learned from the Jostens workshop.



2004-05 Elba High School journalism staff

EHS welding students help renovate old Folsom home

by Duké Carr

One of the newest landmarks in Elba is the birth home of Governor James "Big Jim" Folsom.

Governor Folsom was born and grew up in Elba. The city secured Big Jim's home place and moved it next to the old Coffee County Jail on Putnam Street.

Once renovated, the Folsom Home will be a tourist attraction drawing people from all over the State of Alabama and possibly further. Many local citizens and organizations are committed to the restoration of the Folsom home and the grounds surrounding the home and the old jail. One of those organizations involved in the project is the Elba High School welding program.

The welding students were asked to construct railings and place them around the old home. Once the students took on the project, they were committed to a professionally finished product.

For the past year, the welding class has been hard at work on this task. It is plan to see the difference the welding class has made in the appearance and safety of the Folsom Home.

Brice Sasser, welding instructor, related how the students wanted to show the community what they could do with the skills they had learned in the welding class. It was a tremendous challenge for the students to read the blueprints and perform semi-line productions. Their dedication to the project also improved their welding skills.

"The project was a success and turned out very well, and the community has made various comments on how well it looks," said Sasser. "I am very proud of the students' accomplishment."

All of the students seemed to be pleased with their work. "It was really fun, and I hope that people respect our work," said junior Trey Grantham. "It took a lot of time and turned out really great."

The response from the community has been wonderful. Everyone seems pleased with the finished product and is looking forward to the completion of the landmark. The beautiful railings have been a great motivator for other organizations to get involved.

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New students get familiar with Elba

by Katie Cash

During the week of Aug. 23, Mrs. Lynn Baker, guidance counselor at Elba Elementary School, conducted the "New Student Orientation" for the 23 new students at EES.

Four sessions were held during the week to help the students adjust to their new surroundings. The sessions involved meeting and sharing with each other on the first day, talking about school policies and procedures with a visit from the principal, learning about the school and the community, and finally attending the pep rally on Friday at Elba High School.

It was an exciting week for these new students as they made new friends while seeing what their new school and town would be like.

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will not be used for the sewage system at this time, however, the state is requiring the school system to acquire enough land to accommodate additions in the future.

In regards to personnel, the board approved the following action:

Certification
Grant catastrophic leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act to Heather Templin for the purpose of maternity leave. Mrs. Templin is a resource teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Support
Accept the resignation of Annissa Tillis, clerical aide at Kinross School, effective Aug. 27, 2004.

Accept the resignation of Kyra Cardwell, secretary/bookkeeper at Zion Chapel, effective Aug. 27, 2004.

Employ Rene Farris as secretary/bookkeeper at New Brockton Elementary School.

Employ Mary Mack as clerical aide at Kinross School.

Employ Shannon Boswell as secretary/bookkeeper at Zion Chapel.